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It's an understatement to say that Philadelphians are bursting with excitement over the upcoming Super Bowl — and rightfully so. In this edition, we have a guide to the weekend's Eagles fan festivities, which include but are not limited to wagers, rallies and, of course, beer. Metro will be covering all things Eagles right through Game Day. Keep up with our coverage at **metrophilly.us** or find us on Facebook.

OPRAH SAYS SHE'S NOT RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT

Media mogul Oprah Winfrey ended her brief flirtation with a run for the U.S. presidency in 2020, telling InStyle magazine in an interview published on Thursday that she was not interested. But the leader of a political action committee supporting Winfrey said it would still to try to persuade her to run and continue seeking to recruit 1 million supporters. Winfrey, 63, stole the show at the Golden Globes Awards earlier this month with a speech against sexual harassment. It sparked an online campaign to lure her into running against President Donald Trump in the next election cycle. "It's not something that interests me," Winfrey told InStyle. Winfrey's friends had backed the idea with her longtime partner in business and life, Stedman Graham, telling the Los Angeles Times "she would absolutely do it" if there were sufficient public support.

TRUMP JR TRANSCRIPT COULD BE RELEASED

The Republican chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee said on Thursday he wanted to release the transcripts of interviews the committee has done about a meeting at Trump Tower central to investigations of Russia and the 2016 election. Among the interviews conducted behind closed doors, the Judiciary panel has interviewed President Donald Trump's eldest son, Donald Trump Jr., who attended the June 2016 meeting, along with Russian lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya and others. "Let's get them out there for everyone to see," Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) said. Grassley's statement came amid increasing partisan rancor in Congress over the investigations of the intelligence community's finding that Russia sought to interfere in the 2016 election to boost Trump, and whether Trump associates colluded with Moscow.

ITALY TRAIN CRASH

3 Italian rescuers, police and technicians work on the site of a train derailment, on Jan. 25, 2018, near Milan. At least three people were killed and 10 seriously injured when a packed regional train derailed near Milan in northern Italy, emergency services said. The incident happened at around 7 a.m. near the Milan suburb of Segrate. The cause was not immediately clear.

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US GOVERNMENT TECH PROBED BY RUSSIANS

4 Major global technology providers SAP, Symantec and McAfee have allowed Russian authorities to hunt for vulnerabilities in software deeply embedded across the U.S. government, a Reuters investigation has found. The practice potentially jeopardizes the security of computer networks in at least a dozen federal agencies, U.S. lawmakers and security experts said. In order to sell in the Russian market, the tech companies let a Russian defense agency scour the inner workings, or source code, of some of their products. Russian authorities say the reviews are necessary to detect flaws that could be exploited by hackers. But those same products protect some of the most sensitive areas of the U.S government, including the Pentagon, NASA, the State Department, the FBI and the intelligence community, against hacking by adversaries like Russia.

DOJ FINDS FBI OFFICIALS' MISSING TEXT MESSAGES

5 The U.S. Justice Department's internal watchdog said Thursday it recovered five months of missing text messages between two Federal Bureau of Investigation officials whom Republicans have accused of bias against President Donald Trump. In a letter to several key Republican lawmakers, Inspector General Michael Horowitz said he would not object if the Justice Department shares with congressional committees the messages between FBI agent Peter Strzok and FBI lawyer Lisa Page that were recovered using forensic tools. In texts that were previously released to Congress, Strzok and Page referred to Trump as an "idiot" and a "loathsome human." After news reports about the messages, lawmakers demanded to see them amid Republican concerns that agency officials were biased against Trump.

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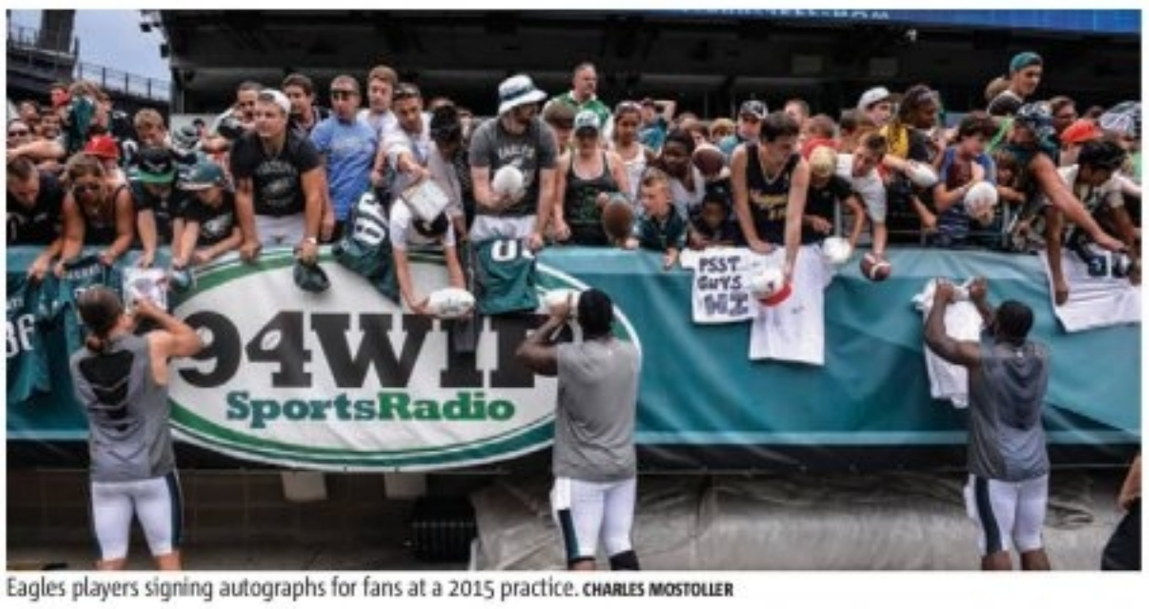

Eagles players signing autographs for fans at a 2015 practice. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Fly like an Eagle: Excitement for the Super Bowl reaches a fever pitch in Philly

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Philadelphia Eagles fans are organizing wagers, competitions and pep rallies as they root for their team to beat the Pats in the Super Bowl.

The hype and momentum in Philadelphia is reaching a fever pitch as excitement grows before the Eagles' performance in Super Bowl LII on Feb. 4.

The game couldn't possibly be more dramatic for Philly, as it brings the Eagles face-to-face with their old nemesis, the Patriots.

The Pats bested the Birds in the 2005 Super Bowl, the last time the Eagles made it to the NFL's championship game.

The Eagles have never won the Super Bowl, while the Patriots have won it five times over the last 15 years, all under the leadership of star QB Tom Brady. They won it in 2002, 2004, 2005, 2015 and 2017.

Here are some of the ways Philly is gearing up for the truly epic game.

Pep rally

Eagles cheerleaders and the Eagles Pep Band will be in Berwyn, Pennsylvania, for a pep rally at the headquarters of Ametek Inc., a corporation that has partnered in with the Eagles Charitable Foundation.

Through the partnership, Ametek offers the Eagles Eye Mobile and Glasses Lab, two traveling medical RVs outfitted with the company's vision diagnostic instruments. The program has distributed more than 55,000 pairs of glasses to underserved children and will be sending their vision-care RV to Minnesota for the Super Bowl.

American Revolution Museum renaming

The recently opened National Museum of the American Revolution in Old City has caught Eagles fever: On Thursday, they renamed the "Patriots Gallery" on the museum's first floor as the "Eagles Gallery," through Feb. 4.

They're also offering 10 percent off eagle-related items in the gift shop, and giving $2 off admission to guests wearing Eagles or Patriots regalia. Yes, even for Patriots fans — the museum boasted that it has Revolutionary War artifacts hailing from Boston that may be of interest to New Englanders as well.

But the Museum noted that George Washington sported Birds gear, namely the famed "Diamond Eagle" that's currently on view at the museum.

Battle of the beers

Two iconic breweries in the rival cities — Yards in Philly and Harpoon in Boston — have entered into a friendly wager over the big game. The losing team's brewery will agree to have its staff wear the winning team's jerseys for a day, while serving the other town's beers.

In other words, after Super Bowl LII, it's likely Harpoon staff in Boston will shamefacedly be wearing Nick Foles jerseys and pouring out Yards IPAs.

A fan celebrates during the most recent NFC Championship game. GETTY IMAGES

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Police: Philly man killed mom with hammer, lived with her body for days

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Cops said suspect, 25, is mentally ill and had gone off meds.

Police recently made a disturbing find while performing a well-being check at a home on the border of East Falls and Germantown.

They discovered the body of Tammy Blount, 49, whose body displayed multiple blunt force and stab wounds. Also inside was her 25-year-old son, Malachi Andrew White, who is now charged with murder for allegedly beating her to death with a hammer as well as stabbing her multiple times.

A motive was not immediately reported. Police said White was suffering from mental health issues and had stopped taking his medication.

They believe she was killed Jan. 22, meaning she had been dead at least two days before she was discovered around 11:08 a.m. on Jan. 24. Family members concerned that they hadn't heard from her in a few days called police to request a home check.

Police did not say if White had been in the home with his mother's body the entire two days.

Managers of the apartment building on the 5400 block of Wissahickon Avenue said in a statement they had no idea there were any problems between the mother and son.

The management and staff said they observed "nothing that would have indicated any problems within the family or propensity for this family tragedy," they said.

The apartment building where a man was allegedly discovered living with his dead mother. GOOGLE MAPS

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U.S. panel rejects Philip Morris claim that electronic devices cut disease risk

Philip Morris International Inc. should not be allowed to claim that its electronic tobacco devices can reduce the risk of tobacco-related diseases compared with cigarettes, an advisory panel to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration said on Thursday.

The panel concluded that Philip Morris had not proven that iQOS — a sleek, penlike device that heats tobacco rather than burning it — reduces harm compared with cigarettes. The company's shares were down 2.8 percent at $107.50 on Thursday afternoon after falling as much as 6.8 percent.

IQOS is used by nearly 4 million people in 30 markets outside the United States but needs FDA authorization to be marketed in America.

The panel did conclude that the product exposes users to lower levels of harmful chemicals but said the company had not shown that lowering exposure to those chemicals is reasonably likely to translate into a measurable reduction in disease or death. Philip Morris needs to show both in order to claim the product modifies the risk of cigarettes.

Some panelists were concerned that not all the harmful or potentially harmful chemicals in cigarettes were significantly reduced in the iQOS aerosol. Philip Morris presented data showing an overall exposure reduction of about 95 percent.

The FDA is not bound to follow the recommendations of its advisory panels and may not agree with the group's logic. The agency recently proposed a broad policy shift that would reduce nicotine in cigarettes to "non-addictive" levels while increasing development of lower-risk alternatives for those unable to quit.

The FDA is expected to decide whether Philip Morris can sell iQOS within the next few months. It will decide separately whether to authorize the modified-risk claims. REUTERS

Krasner imports 'immigrant counsel' idea to Philadelphia from New York

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District attorney said the office wants crime victims and witnesses to come forward without fear of deportation.

Despite pressure over its sanctuary-city policies from the White House, Philadelphia stood firm. On Thursday, the city's new top prosecutor went even further by creating a new position to help undocumented immigrants navigate the legal system.

"Together, we will ensure that all people are treated fairly by the justice system regardless of their immigration status," Krasner said of the role of immigration counsel to the Philadelphia district attorney's office, which will be filled by attorney Caleb Arnold. "This is also part of our overall effort to protect the most vulnerable and ensure they are able to participate as witnesses or complainants in the criminal justice system."

Arnold's job will be to "build relationships with immigrant communities to ensure that witnesses and victims feel safe participating in the process regardless of immigration status," the office said. "They will also advise prosecutors on minimizing the impact of criminal convictions on immigration status, especially for low-level offenders who pose no threat to public safety."

The role mirrors an innovation previously pioneered in the New York City borough of Brooklyn, where Kings County Prosecutor Eric Gonzalez created a similar position to prevent collateral consequences of convictions." Gonzalez was in Philly with Krasner to announce the adoption of the tactic in Philadelphia, and said it had yielded positive results in Brooklyn.

"Our special counsels advised in over 200 cases so far to reach immigration-neutral outcomes," Gonzalez said in a statement. "Greater equity does not jeopardize public safety."

Mayor Jim Kenney has staunchly stood behind Philadelphia's sanctuary city policies of not communicating with federal immigration authorities or cooperating with certain types of enforcements, which he has previously defended as "practices that keep our communities safe and provide victims and witnesses the security to come forward."

Federal officials with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) have targeted Philly and other sanctuary cities for additional raids and arrests since Trump took the White House. A lawsuit by the DOJ to block some $1.5 million-2 million of federal grants to punish Philly is currently pending appeal.

But Krasner's announcement earned praise from local immigrant community activists.

Erika Almiron, Executive Director of Juntos said in a statement that involvement with the criminal justice system often led to " deportation proceedings due to the overcharges given by previous administrations and overzealous former DAs who believed more in punishment rather than restorative justice."

Almiron said she hoped to work with Krasner and Arnold to ensure that the "threat of ICE is purged from all aspects of our criminal justice system."

Philly DA Larry Krasner, at podium, announces the new role of immigrant counsel, to be filled by Caleb Arnold, second from right, along with, second from left, Martiza Ming, counsel to the Brooklyn DA. COURTESY OF THE BROOKLYN DA'S OFFICE

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The president's plan calls for more funding to build a proposed border wall, as prototypes (pictured here) are evaluated. GETTY IMAGES

Trump rolls out plan for path to citizenship for 1.8 million Dreamers

> Trump's plan would require Congress to set up a $25 billion "trust fund" to build a wall along the Mexican border.

President Donald Trump is ready to sign on to a plan that would open a path to citizenship for as many as 1.8 million Dreamers, young immigrants brought illegally to the country as children, senior White House officials said on Thursday.

The White House presented the offer as a major concession aimed at attracting enough votes from Democrats. But it includes a number of elements such as tightening border security and deterring new immigrants to appeal to Republican hardliners.

"This is kind of a bottom line for the president," a senior official told reporters, saying it would be up to lawmakers to determine some of the details. "If it's realistic, then he'll sign it. If it isn't realistic, then he won't sign it."

Trump's plan, which the White House hopes will be first voted on in the Senate in early February, would require Congress to set up a $25 billion "trust fund" to build a wall on the southern border with Mexico, and invest in better protections at the northern border with Canada.

It would also require Congress to limit family sponsorship of immigrants to spouses and minor children and end a visa lottery system for certain countries, the officials said.

Congress would have to allocate additional money to border guards and immigration judges, and change rules to allow for the rapid deportation of illegal immigrants from countries other than Mexico and Canada who arrive at the U.S. border, the officials said.

To become law, the measures would also need to pass the House of Representatives. A second senior official declined to speculate on whether the plan would pass the Republican-controlled chamber.

"I think the House will have an independent vehicle," the second official said. "We're not trying to force something on the House."

Trump, whose hardline immigration stance was a key part of his 2016 presidential campaign, said in September he was ending the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, program for Dreamers that was created by Democratic predecessor Barack Obama unless Congress came up with a new law.

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Ivanka Trump removed female advocacy from her Twitter bio

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And some think it's a shot at women.

Ivanka Trump is under fire for getting rid of a line in her Twitter bio that previously deemed her a female advocate.

According to Huffington Post, Ivanka's old bio read, in full, "Wife, mother, sister, daughter. Entrepreneur & advocate for the education and empowerment of women & girls. This is my personal page. Views expressed are my own."

As of Monday, in place of the bit about her commitments to empower women, was the following: "Advisor to POTUS on job creation + economic empowerment, workforce development & entrepreneurship."

Some took to Twitter to call out that the change happened directly after the Women's March.

"I guess she finally got honest with herself," one Twitter user wrote, while another commented, "took her long enough."

"Maybe she finally understands she doesn't have any credibility as an advocate for women and girls," another tweeted.

Ivanka Trump HQ's official Twitter bio still reads, "Inspiring and empowering women to create the lives they want to live."

Ivanka also took some heat after the Golden Globes when she tweeted in support of Oprah Winfrey's inspiring speech and the Time's Up movement.

Many pointed out that her father has been accused of sexual assault by dozens of women. Actress Alyssa Milano responded to Ivanka's tweet, "Great! You can make a lofty donation to the Time's Up Legal Defense Fund that is available to support your father's accusers."

On the entrepreneur's website, it states, "At Ivanka Trump, we're committed to helping women create the lives they want to lead." Some people, though, have called her out for promoting "faux feminism."

Feminist and activist Gloria Steinem told Refinery29 last year, "I have not seen [Ivanka] standing up and saying women should have a right to control their own bodies and decide when and whether to have children," adding, "Nobody on Earth thinks she's a feminist, are you kidding me?"

In May, the six Democratic congresswomen who were "disappointed" by Ivanka's silence on women's health issues they argue would have been exacerbated by the American Health Care Act (AHCA) invited Ivanka to meet with them.

The letter invitation stated that "AHCA is a disastrous bill for women and their families, threatening access to pregnancy care, maternal and newborn services, breast cancer screenings, and contraception" and urged Ivanka to accept the invite "to discuss the important role contraception plays in ensuring the success of America's women and families."

This was before the scheduled Senate vote on the Obamacare repeal bill was ultimately canceled in September.

Congresswoman Suzan DelBene told Elite Daily that Ivanka had yet to respond as of June — and there's no sign that Ivanka took them up on the offer.

At November's Global Entrepreneurship Summit in India, Ivanka called on attendees to "find new ways to lift barriers in our society so that women are free to innovate, empowered to succeed and able to leave our children a brighter future.

"Only when women are empowered to thrive," she said, "will our families, our economies, our societies reach their full potential."

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Mull stars as the film's narrator, an older version of Kenney himself. NETFLIX

The *golden era* of comedy is back

Metro chats with legendary actor Martin Mull about his latest film, "A Futile and Stupid Gesture," and what's wrong with comedy these days.

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Looking back, it's easy to see why the 1970s was the golden era for comedy. "Saturday Night Live" was launched, as were some of Monty Python and Mel Brooks' funniest films, while Steve Martin and Richard Pryor reigned supreme in the world of standup.

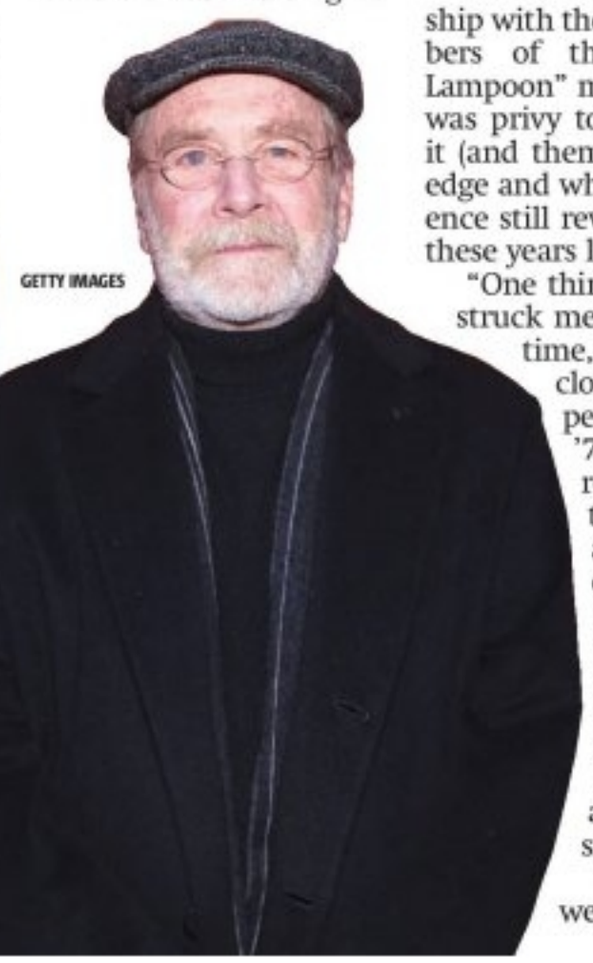
Not to mention the first published edition of "National Lampoon" in 1970.

In 1973, the success of the magazine was followed by the launch of "The National Lampoon Radio Hour," which helped start the careers of comedic luminaries John Belushi, Chevy Chase, Richard Belzer, Christopher Guest, Bill Murray, Gilda Radner, Brian Doyle-Murray and Harold Ramis — just to name few.

"A Futile and Stupid Gesture" — out Friday, Jan. 26 on Netflix — isn't really their story, though. It's the story of Doug Kenney, the man who helped to launch the magazine and wrote most of its early material, before penning hits like "Animal House" and "Caddyshack."

For Martin Mull, the film's narrator and an older version of Will Forte's Doug Kenney, working on "A Futile And Stupid Gesture" was particularly bizarre, as he wasn't just a devout reader of the magazine but he also counted many of those that worked on it as close friends.

"It's weird to read a script that you may well have lived through but not known," he says over the phone. "If I was in the same state as people back then, then it's forgivable. Some of these people are still around, and being played by other people, so that makes it a bit discomforting as well."



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And while Mull said his contact with Kenney was "minimal," he immediately saw the appeal to make a film on the late writer's life.

"He was such a seminal influence on the world of comedy," he says. "He basically took the primal leap and started the 'National Lampoon,' which opened door after door after door. He's a tragic hero."

Mull's close relationship with the other members of the "National Lampoon" meant that he was privy to what made it (and them) so cutting-edge and why their influence still reverberates all these years later.

"One thing that really struck me, even at the time, when I was close to these people in the '70s, is that regardless of their foibles and dependencies and whatever, this group of people was extraordinarily smart. They were all very, very smart.

"And it may well be that that was the cause of their downfall," he continues. "Because being that smart can be a lot of pressure. And I think that might have been a contributing factor."

The actor also believes that the freedom provided to the "National Lampoon" allowed its staff to take their content to controversial places.

"There's nothing like anarchy to give you free reign. And that made all things seem quite possible."

Nowadays, though, Mull thinks that there's a lot less autonomy as comedy has started to focus on what's politically correct. "I tend to think that we're getting closed down more and more on what you can and can't say," he shares.

"For instance, I think that working comedians have to tailor their material now to make sure that they don't upset some group, and it's getting tougher. You say one thing wrong and you're off the reservation."

At least we can be grateful that, in the midst of the 70s, Doug Kenney and the "National Lampoon" found the room to grow and make the impact that they did.

Will Forte and Domhnall Gleeson star as The National Lampoon's co-founders, Doug Kenney and Henry Beard, respectively. NETFLIX

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The "Maze Runner" films have mostly gone under the radar. And while far from original, they've been an impressively crafted series providing a healthy dose of fun.
Thankfully, the final installment to the series, "Maze Runner: The Death Cure," continues that trend, serving up a fitting farewell. Both in the fact that it's familiar and predictable, and in how it creates a palpable sense of peril with perfectly placed action beats. And though you probably need at least some prior knowledge of the series to get really caught up in proceedings, "The Death Cure" keeps you hooked.
Sure, there are too many near misses and lucky exits to actually put you on the edge of your seat — and its umpteen endings quickly grate — but after three films that have mostly delivered, you're quickly able to look past these foibles, and enjoy what it has to offer.

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The Death Cure is the final entry to the Maze Runner franchise. 20TH CENTURY FOX

Will Forte stars as National Lampoon's Doug Kenney in the Netfix film. NETFLIX

"A Futile And Stupid Gesture"

Director: David Wain
Stars: Will Forte, Domhnall Gleeson
Rating: N/R

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There's a moment early on in "A Futile And Stupid Gesture" where Martin Mull's modern Doug Kenney, also the film's narrator, breaks the fourth wall. He says, straight to camera, that the comedy had to get rid of several characters and amalgamate reality in order to squeeze everything into its running time. It's a cute, seemingly throwaway comment, but it also sums up why "A Futile And Stupid Gesture" doesn't hit the heights it was perhaps capable of.
Thankfully, though, the story of National Lampoon, the film's retelling of some of its most famous jokes and the inherent wackiness and anarchy created by its ensemble of iconic characters gives an insight into what made these comedians tick. It might just be the quintessential Netflix film — it's the sort of inconsequential, slightly enlightening and pleasantly humorous film that you don't mind watching from the comfort of your sofa. But it never comes close to possessing the gravitas that would warrant a trip to the cinema. GW

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The facts (and fiction) of 'Darkest Hour'

Gary Oldman's performance as Winston Churchill in "Darkest Hour" has been roundly lauded as one of the best of the year — and now, both the film and the star have the Academy Award nomination to prove it. But while audiences and critics have responded to Oldman's portrayal of Churchill, what do the experts think?

Cue Kenneth W. Rendell, the founder and director of The International Museum of World War II in Boston. The WWII expert has only had positive things to say about Oldman's performance. "Gary Oldman really captures the indomitable spirit of Churchill," he says over the phone. "Churchill, from day one, had the fighting spirit. He didn't need to get it from the king. He probably spread it to the king."

Rendell, who worked with Oldman on some of his past roles, does note, however, that "Darkest Hour" isn't purely accurate in terms of events. Particularly one of the film's most controversial scenes, which depicts Churchill going rogue and walking onto the tube in war-torn London, where he connects with the city's inhabitants.

"Darkest Hour" may have been nominated for a slew of awards — but what does the film get right? FOCUS FEATURES

"I understand with a film that characters and issues get collapsed into each other to fit it all into an hour and a half," he says. "To create drama and a story, other issues are always brought in … Churchill should be seen in even greater glory."

Which brings us to our next point: In Rendell's eyes — despite his iconic status as one of the most influential political figures in history — Churchill is still undervalued.

"He knew the key to the success was the working people," Rendell says. "Who wanted to know what to do, not why they should do it."

We'll see what the Academy has to say about it March 4.

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The Philadelphia Auto Show returns to the Pennsylvania Convention Center from Jan. 27 through Feb. 4, featuring some of the most-talked-about cars in the world and some even making their east coast debut.

"It's time to make some memories, Philadelphia," says Ian Jeffery, chairman of the 2018 Philadelphia Auto Show. "It doesn't matter if you are young in age or young at heart, a first-time attendee or one of our beloved fans, we will have something that fuels you."

From getting up close and personal with Bugattis to being among the first to see Volvo's new compact SUV, here are five cars you can't miss at the Philadelphia Auto Show.

For more information on the 2018 Philadelphia Auto Show, visit: phillyautoshow.com.

Bugatti Chiron

With a price tag of $2.7 million and fewer than 100 people in the world actually owning one, the Bugatti Chiron is called a hypercar for a reason. Its 1,000-horsepower engine (the average car would maybe have 250 horsepower) and race car — inspired design makes this car move with unmatched ferocity — going from 0 to 60 in just 2.5 seconds.

Rolls Royce Phantom

While not as expensive as a Bugatti, the Rolls Royce Phantom is still a ultraluxurious set of wheels, retailing for around $418,000. Aside from being able to go from 0 to 60 in 5.1 seconds, the Rolls Royce Phantom added really unique design elements. Owners will be able to commission an individual work of art that can be hermetically sealed behind the dashboard. Talk about riding in style!

Volvo XC40

In all the years that Volvo has been around it's avoided the compact SUV market — until now. At the 2018 Philadelphia Auto Show, you'll be among the first on the East Coast to see the debut of the Volvo XC40, the manufacturer's first compact SUV. The all-wheel drive vehicle features inline, four-cylinder, turbocharged engines and even an option 360-degree camera that makes parking a breeze. It will be available to consumers in April.

The Jaguar E-Pace

While the Jaguar E-Pace has the feel of a sports car, its all-surface control (ASPC) gives you extra agility. With the ability to go from 0 to 60 in 6.6 seconds and reaching max speeds of 143 mph, this car is a dream come true with a starting price of $38,600.

The Ford Mustang Bullitt

The Ford Mustang celebrated the 50th anniversary of the movie "Bullitt," starring screen legend Steve McQueen, who drove a Mustang in the film. The limited-edition car features a 5.0 liter V8 engine with 475 horsepower with top speeds of 163 mph. Mustang chief designer Darrell Behmer calls the new Bullitt "effortlessly cool."

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If you're looking to chase your winter blues away, spending Pro Bowl Sunday sampling some of the rarest beers and ciders around might be a good idea. For the fourth year, Sour Bowl kicks into high gear at BRU Craft & Wurst (1316 Chestnut St.), accompanied by events Stout Bowl (at U-Bahn, located 1320 Chestnut St.) and Cider Bowl (at Cinder Copper and Lace, located at 1500 Locust St.).

Between the three locations, over 85 kegs of rare drafts will be available for customers.

"This is our favorite event of the year, and we think that it's truly special due to the depth of the list we're blessed to be able to put forth," says Craft Concepts Group Director of General Operations Alex Bokulich. "We spend much of the year earnestly seeking and accumulating these kegs, so there's no shortage of exciting product on display."

The action kicks off at BRU at 10:30 a.m. with the fourth annual Sour Bowl, which includes a special brunch menu.

At noon, Stout Bowl opens the taps for their third year participating.

At 2 p.m., Cinder Copper & Lace begins pouring ciders for Cinder Bowl II.

Beers, priced between $7 and $10, will be available at a first come, first served basis.

"Sour Bowl is the flagship event, now going into its fourth year," Bokulich explains. "The foundation is a block of 26 sours from across the world, and then balanced by seven IPAs. Highlights to the sour lineup are always Cantillon and Russian River, arguably the two most sought after breweries in the world, but the reality is from top to bottom all 26 beers selected are incredibly limited, rare or otherwise sought after by enthusiasts."

New additions to Sour Bowl include Hof Ten Doormal and Hanssen's Iambics from Belgium, but there are some local favorites, too.

"[We] counterpoint these 'old masters' with some selections of our favorite locals — Second District, Forest & Main and Fermentary Form," he adds. "The IPA contingent is similarly balanced, with three 'big name' beers in Pliny the Elder, Hopslam, and Lunch — then rounded out with extremely fresh local hoppy beers from Levante, Sterling Pig, Urban Village and Funk."

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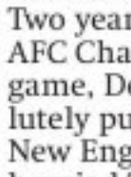
Here's what Patriots — and Patriots fans — are scared of

A look at areas the Eagles will look to exploit in Super Bowl LII.



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Tennessee's Corey Davis hauls in a touchdown pass over Malcolm Butler in the divisional round of this year's NFL playoffs. GETTY IMAGES

This is by no means an all-time-great Patriots team.

Without Julian Edelman (their top WR), Dont'a Hightower (their top defensive player) and Martellus Bennett (boy, could the Pats have used him against Jacksonville), this year's Patriots are good enough to win a Super Bowl but don't exactly stack up to the 2003-04 Pats, the 2007 Pats or the franchise's last two Super Bowl winners.

There are weaknesses on this Patriots team across the board (except at QB, of course), so let's take a look at the areas the Eagles are most likely to exploit.

Offensive line

The Patriots have not had a great offensive line for a while now. Two years ago in the AFC Championship game, Denver absolutely pummeled the New England line and hurried Tom Brady over and over again. The result was Brady throwing two interceptions and completing only 27 of 56 passes in a 20-18 Patriots loss.

Bill Belichick rarely discards members of his coaching staff, but he fired O-line coach Dave DeGuglielmo immediately after that loss and brought Dante Scarnecchia out of retirement to fix the matter. Scarnecchia has done a nice job of getting the line stable, but this line does not exactly resemble that of the early 1990s Dallas Cowboys. The personnel is so-so, and it relies mostly on the fact that Brady is one of the best at getting rid of the ball quickly.

The Eagles' top strength is their defensive line, so this looks like a mismatch.

Linebacker

As mentioned above, Hightower was the Patriots' defensive leader – calling out the plays on D – and hasn't been replaced since going down with a season-ending injury. Kyle Van Noy, Elandon Roberts and Marquis Flowers all play above their heads but there's a reason why the Pats had to scoop up James Harrison off the scrap heap last month.

Harrison is still good at getting to the quarterback, but the Pats' pass coverage is highly suspect. That's a definite issue against an Andy Reid-style offense, which spreads the field and the Pats have often struggled to defend.

In the Pats' 42-27 opening night loss to Reid's Chiefs this season, Kareem Hunt not only rushed for 148 yards but also caught five balls totalling 98 yards. Jay Ajayi is a very strong pass-catching back, and could be in-store for a Hunt-like evening in Super Bowl LII.

Secondary

The Patriots had a bitter contract dispute with Malcolm Butler this past offseason and since then Butler has regressed greatly for whatever reason. Fellow cornerback Stephon Gilmore has gotten better as the season has progressed and came up with a key play to ice the game against Jacksonville, but on the whole he's been a disappointment as the Pats' top offseason signer last spring.

The Pats gave up a whopping 251.3 passing yards per game this season, giving them the 30th ranked pass defense in the NFL. That said, they only gave up 18.5 points per game this season – good for fifth overall in the league.

The moral of the story is that Nick Foles should be able to move the Eagles up and down the field on New England. Getting touchdowns will be tough, but Philly was one of the top red zone teams in the league this year. Foles will be throwing a lot in this one, no doubt.

MVP odds

A look at the MVP odds ahead of Super Bowl LII.

Tom Brady, Patriots: 6/5
Nick Foles, Eagles: 15/2
R. Gronkowski, Patriots: 19/1
Dion Lewis, Patriots: 24/1
Alshon Jeffery, Eagles: 28/1
Jay Ajayi, Eagles: 32/1
D. Amendola, Patriots: 32/1
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10 Reasons why Eagles' Pederson

Doug Pederson is as responsible as anyone for the Eagles' success in 2017-18.

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There is an easy argument to be made that Eagles head coach Doug Pederson is hands down the NFL's coach of the year. Here's a look at 10 of the reasons why he deserves to be the first Philly coach since Andy Reid in 2002 to receive the hardware:

1 How far he's come

Pederson's only other head coaching gig prior to the Eagles was at Calvary Baptist Academy in Louisiana, just nine years ago. After a few years as an assistant to Andy Reid, Pederson took over as the Eagles' head coach with just seven years' experience at the NFL level (in addition to his 13 seasons as a backup quarterback).

"Had a chance to play in some playoff games and almost make it to a state championship a couple times down there," Pederson recalled. "Those are special moments, and moments that I'll remember. Obviously we're on a much bigger stage now, playing for the Super Bowl, but the journey is the same. The ride is the same. It's just as special doing it at this level. You still have the same types of relationships with these guys now today that you would with, say, a 16- or 17-year-old in high school."

2 Silencing all the naysayers

Prior to the 2017 season, The Ringer's football insider, Mike Lombardi, called Doug Pederson not only a mistake as an Eagles hire, but one of the least qualified head coaches in NFL history.

Lombardi was forced to admit his mistake after the Eagles made it to Super Bowl LII.

"So all you Philly fans give me crap about giving Doug Pederson his due … yeah, OK, I was wrong," Lombardi said on a podcast. "He's a better coach."

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DOUG PEDERSON'S RECORD AS EAGLES' HEAD COACH THROUGH TWO SEASONS — INCLUDING TWO POSTSEASON WINS.

3 The growth of Carson Wentz

Carson Wentz, as a rookie, threw 16 touchdown passes and 14 interceptions last year. He could be the NFL's MVP this year — he had 33 touchdowns and just seven picks in 13 games. His speedy climb to the upper echelon of NFL quarterbacks is in no small part a credit to Pederson's work with him over the last two seasons.

"He says it all the time – and it wasn't just this year. Even when he first got here, just let your personality show. I think you've seen that all year."

Malcolm Jenkins on Doug Pederson

4 The emergence of Nick Foles

What Pederson has accomplished with Nick Foles could be more remarkable than what he's done with Wentz. It's one thing to spend two seasons tapping potential from a talented 23-year-old up-and-comer. It's another entirely to take a player who threw more picks than touchdowns two years ago and who considered retirement and make him a Super Bowl-caliber QB. Which is exactly what Pederson did, as Foles shrugged off dreadful showings in Weeks 16 and 17 of the regular season to manage the Birds to victory against the Falcons before exploding for the best game in Eagles' postseason history against the Vikings.

5 His ability to scheme

Pederson has taken the classic West Coast offense and made it his own. He's indoctrinated the run-pass option into the Eagles' to-go play and has done a great job of mixing short passes and deep shots while sticking with the run. He's also ushered along Jim Schwartz' shutdown defense to make the Eagles one of the most well-rounded teams in the NFL.

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is 2017 NFL head coach of the year

Doug Pederson seems to have really matured into a solid, confident NFL head coach after just two seasons. GETTY IMAGES

6 His successful play-calling

Pederson is a fearless play-caller. He will run it on third down. He will go for it on fourth down (the Eagles 26 fourth-down attempts were the second most in the NFL). He will call a flea-flicker in the playoffs with his backup quarterback or call a reverse handoff to his slot wide receiver. Watching a Pederson-called game has become one of the most enjoyable sights in football these last two seasons.

"I think with each game, you learn from the good, you learn from the bad calls that you make, and the situational aspect of the game," Pederson said. "Am I making the right play-call at the right time? How well do I put our team in a position to be successful offensively? You learn from all of that, and I critique myself each Monday on how I did."

7 All the injuries he's dealt with

In addition to Wentz' torn ACL in December, the Eagles have had to replace their placekicker (Caleb Sturgis), their hall of fame left tackle (Jason Peters), their punt returner and third down running back (Darren Sproles), their starting middle linebacker (Jordan Hicks) and have lost stars Ronald Darby, Zach Ertz and Fletcher Cox for portions of the regular season. And somehow, the Eagles still earned the NFC's top overall seed in the playoffs and a 13-3 record.

8 His style

Once questioned, the Pederson hiring seems to be perfect for the city of Philadelphia.

"There's many styles of great coaches," Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie said. "Bill Belichick, you know, Bill Walsh, Sean Payton — the list goes on and on and on — Tom Coughlin. There's a lot of great coaches. They all have their different styles, but the one common ground amongst them all is absolute consistency and genuineness. And Pederson is just himself. And at times, that's very humble, and at times, it's just very real. At times, that's very bright. At times, it's tough. But he does it in a true genuine way and I think players really respond to that in today's world."

9 He's in the Super Bowl

For anyone who doubts Pederson's credentials, he'll always have Super Bowl LII on his resume. However that doesn't mean he's a shoo-in for the award. Over the last nine NFL seasons, just two of the Coach of the Year award winners played in the Super Bowl — Ron Rivera and Bill Belichick.

10 The other coach of the year candidates

The only head coach with a better chance at the award, according to regular season Vegas odds, is Los Angeles' Sean McVay — who helped turn the Rams into a legitimate contender and quarterback Jared Goff into a real starter in the NFL. Others who could get votes are Belichick, Mike Tomlin, Sean Payton and Doug Marrone, all tied behind Pederson for third place according to Bovada.

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Could Simmons average a triple-double one day?

Villanova will be missing one of their top players as the stretch run in Big East play arrives.

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Despite being left out this year, Simmons will be an All-Star some day. GETTY IMAGES

Call it the perfect storm.

During Australian Heritage Night, when the 76ers hosted the Chicago Bulls, Ben Simmons proved his mettle in a plethora of ways.

Simply put, the Aussie was the best player on the court and gave the Sixers a glimpse into their future.

Simmons put together his fifth triple-double of the season with 19 points, 17 rebounds and 14 assists. The only other two players in NBA history to record at least five triple-doubles before playing their 50th career game? Try Oscar Robertson and Alvin Adams. Pretty strong company.

Only Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook (14) and Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (seven) have more triple-doubles this season than Simmons, a leading candidate for Rookie of the Year.

In addition, Simmons became the first rookie to register at least 19 points, 17 rebounds and 14 assists since Steve Francis in the 2000-01 season. Simmons is the first Philadelphia player to post a stat line like this since Hall of Famer Wilt Chamberlain on March 19, 1968. Again, pretty lofty company.

Simmons wasn't selected for the upcoming NBA All-Star Game. That could have given him extra motivation as well.

"I feel like he was just focused on the game. We played tough defensively especially the first quarter so there was a lot of rebounds to grab and he was extra aggressive offensively," center Joel Embiid told reporters. "Besides Australia night, I think that he just wanted it tonight and him not making All-Star might have had something to do with it, too."

Simmons swept 11 rebounds alone in the first quarter. He controlled the tempo by grabbing the rebound and moving quickly up the court.

"I think it was before this game, we talked about free throws and I flipped it quickly to rebounding. He rebounded and instigated a lot himself," Sixers coach Brett Brown said, referring to the fast pace set by Simmons' rebounding. "He's able to control stuff and when he rebounds he can rebound and take off. I still think that's the hardest thing to guard. Back in the day you'd see Charles Barkley do that. It's hard to defend that."

Simmons played an outstanding game against the Bulls. He's had other solid games this season. There have also been issues with turnovers and not having confidence in his jump shot.

All rookies – even the great ones – go through an adjustment period in the marathon 82-game season. It's not even the All-Star break yet. If Wednesday night is a glimpse, then the future is ultra-bright for Simmons and the Sixers.

And, it starts with rebounding.

"I think just being on the boards ... actually trying to get boards and going to the boards every time I can," Simmons said. "I'm usually getting those rebounds. I think I went away from it the last couple of weeks. It was one of those things, I was just doing it. I had to be reminded."

The reminder was well worth it.

Next on a rigorous NBA schedule, the Sixers will embark on a tough four-game road trip beginning in San Antonio. The goal for Simmons is to be as consistent as possible, which is not easy for a rookie. But the skills are there. The entire city of Philadelphia witnessed those skills. The future is sure exciting.

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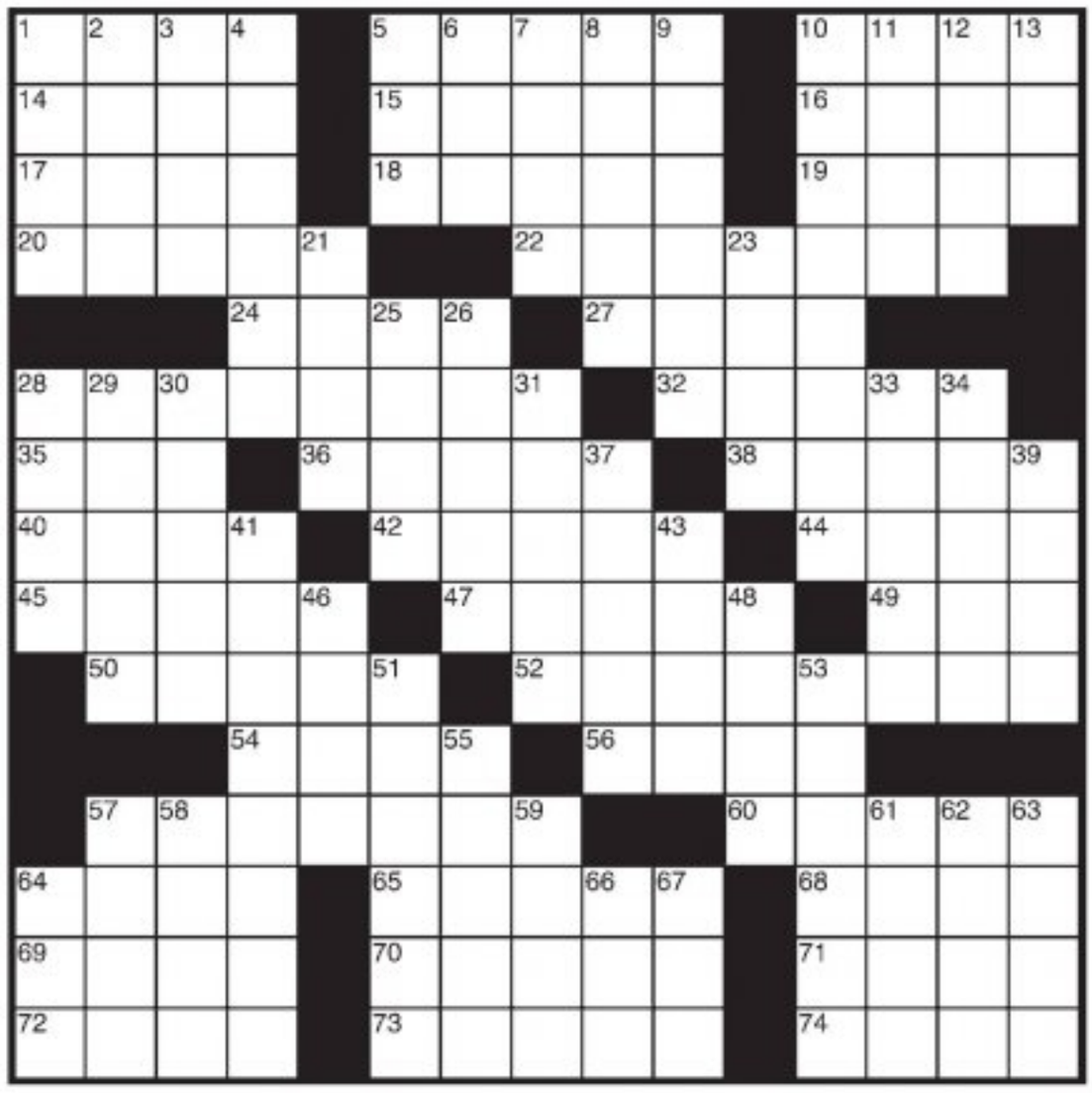

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Gemini Your progress will be fueled by an emotional high. Making personal improvements and relishing some special time with a loved one are all highlighted.

Cancer The energy at social events will pump you up. Participate in activities that interest you, but don't sign up for something you don't have time to pursue.

Leo A little time spent on self-improvement and nurturing a relationship with someone special will bring you much satisfaction. Stay active and do something nice for a loved one.

Virgo Refuse to get swept into someone else's melodrama. Be a witness, not a participant, when it comes to discord. Use your intelligence to navigate your way through social unrest.

Libra Make a physical move or change the way you handle your money. By taking control of your life, you will feel empowered to make choices that suit you best.

Scorpio Refrain from overreacting and overdoing it. Moderation will be necessary if you want to avoid a physical, emotional or financial problem. Protect your possessions.

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Aquarius Only sign up for what you know you can handle. Problems with pushy or persuasive people are best dealt with properly. Live by the rules.

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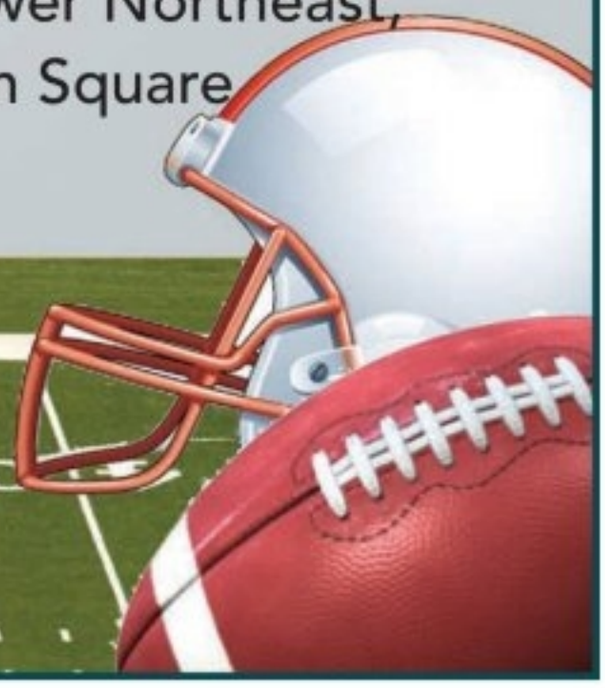

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